



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, John Harmon has served as Executive Director of the Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities since 1988 and during that time has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Whatcom County residents; and

WHEREAS, during John Harmon's tenure, the Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities have grown to provide multiple means of affordable housing, to include the acquisition and new construction utilizing multi-family tax exempt bonds and tax credits; and

WHEREAS, under John Harmon's leadership, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials awarded the Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities on numerous occasions with the Agency Award of Excellence in Program Innovation & Community Revitalization, Historic Preservation & Rehabilitation, Project Design & Modernization, and New Project Design; and

WHEREAS, to practice advocacy for local and national programs and funding for affordable housing, John Harmon committed countless volunteer hours on local and national advisory boards and taskforce committees; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authorities in collaboration with community partners, provided rental assistance to very low-income households, families formerly homeless and people living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, John Harmon has demonstrated commitment to the Housing Authorities' mission of offering opportunities for people to thrive by ensuring access to quality, affordable homes has been a driving force in housing for over 7,000 residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, hereby proclaim June 8, 2018 to be

JOHN HARMON APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Bellingham and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing John Harmon for his contributions

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 7th day of June, 2018

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham

